

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A Loop thermosyphon mounted at a casing (300) of equipment having a heat source, and employing a working fluid enclosed in a closed circuit to transfer heat from said heat source, said closed circuit including:

an evaporator (110)-depriving said heat source of heat to evaporate said working fluid;
a condenser (130A)-condensing said working fluid evaporated at said evaporator-(110);
a feed pipe (120)-feeding to said condenser (130A)-said working fluid evaporated at said evaporator-(110); and

a return pipe (140)-returning to said evaporator (110) said working fluid condensed at said condenser-(130A), wherein

said condenser (130A) is an assembly including a header pipe (131) associated with said feed pipe-(120), and connected to said feed pipe (120) to branch said working fluid introduced thereinto, a header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe-(140), and connected to said return pipe (140) and joining together said working fluid branched, and a plurality of aligned pipes (133)-extending in a same direction and connecting said header pipes (131 and 132) together at a single side of said condenser,

said aligned pipes (133) are each a serpentine tube having a linear portion (134a-134d) extending in one direction and forming a plurality of stages in layers, and a curved portion (135a-135e) connecting such linear portions (134a-134d) together, and

said condenser (130A)-is entirely inclined relative to a bottom surface (301)-of said casing (300) within a range larger than 0° to at most 6° such that of said linear portions-(134a-134d), a bottommost linear portion (134d) is inclined in a direction allowing said bottommost linear portion (134d) to be closer to said bottom surface (301) as said bottommost linear portion (134d) approaches said header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe, so that defective operation attributed to disposition is prevented.

4. (Currently Amended) The loop thermosyphon according to claim 3, wherein said condenser (130A) is arranged to incline relative to said bottom surface (301) of said casing (300) at an angle ~~larger than 0° and at most 6°~~ of 3°.

5. (Currently Amended) The loop thermosyphon according to claim 3, wherein:
said header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe extends in a second direction traversing said first direction;

said return pipe (140) is connected in a vicinity of one end of said header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe and extending in said second direction; and

said header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe is inclined in a direction allowing said header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe to be closer to said bottom surface (301) of said casing (300) as said header pipe (132) associated with said return pipe extends toward said one end from the other end positionally opposite said one end, so that defective operation attributed to disposition is prevented.

6. (Currently Amended) A Stirling refrigerator having a Stirling refrigerating machine (200) mounted, wherein:

said Stirling refrigerating machine (200) includes the loop thermosyphon of claim 3; and
said evaporator (110) is configured to exchange heat with a heated portion (204) of said Stirling refrigerating machine (200).

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A cooling apparatus having ~~a heat transfer cycle (5) associated with a cold portion (3) and extracting cold generated by a Stirling refrigerating machine (1) at said cold portion (3)~~ a Stirling refrigerating machine, and a heat transfer cycle (4) associated with a heated portion (2) and externally radiating hot generated by said Stirling refrigerating machine (1) at said heated portion (2), wherein:

said heat transfer cycle (4) associated with said heated portion (2) includes an evaporator (6) associated with said heated portion and attached to said Stirling refrigerating machine (1) at said heated portion (2) and a condenser (8) associated with said heated portion and arranged to be higher in level than said evaporator (6), with a vapor coolant pipe (7) and a condensate coolant pipe (11) connecting said evaporator (6) and said condenser (8) to form a coolant circulation circuit, and

said condenser is formed of a plurality of condensation pipes and a fin,

said condensate coolant pipe (11) includes a lateral pipe (11C) having closed opposite ends ~~closed~~ and connected to said ~~condenser (8)~~ plurality of condensation pipes at their respective ends, and a pair of vertical pipes (11A, 11B) ~~vertically~~ connecting said evaporator (6) and said lateral pipe (11C) together, ~~said pair of vertical pipes (11A, 11B) having one and the other, upper ends connected to said lateral pipe (11A, 11B) at one and the other ends, respectively~~

one of said vertical pipes has an upper end connected to said lateral pipe at one end and the other of said vertical pipes has an upper end connected to said lateral pipe at the other end, the cooling apparatus characterized in that said one vertical pipe has said upper end thereof connected to said lateral pipe at a location closer to said one end of said lateral pipe than said condensation pipes are connected to said lateral pipe, and said other vertical pipe has said upper end thereof connected to said lateral pipe at a location closer to said other end of said lateral pipe than said condensation pipes are connected to said lateral pipe.

12. (Currently Amended) The cooling apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said vertical pipe (11A, 11B) has an inclined portion (11Aa, 11Ba) having a downward gradient.

13. (Original) The cooling apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said downward gradient is at least 5° with reference to said cooling apparatus placed in a horizontal position.

14. (Cancelled)